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FOLLOWING REPEAT ANKARA 5199 ACTION SECSTATE INFO ISTANBUL

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QUOTE

S E C R E T ANARA 5199

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E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, PINS, CVIS, BU, TU

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR REFUGEE STATUS

REF: A) ISTANBUL 2529, B) ISTANBUL 2530

1. I BELIEVE THE BEST WAY TO HANDLE THE BULGARIAN REFUGEE CASE SET FORTH REFTELS (THE FAVTS OF WHICH ARE QUITE DIFFERENT THAN THE BRAZINSKAS CASE) IS FOR THE CONGEN TO ADVISE THE TWO BULGARIANS EITHER TO TURN THEMSELVES OVER DIRECTLY TO THE ISTANBUL REFUGEE CENTER OR TO THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES WITH A REQUEST THAT THEY BE PUT INTO THE ISTANBUL REFUGEE CENTER. AT THE

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SAME TIME, EMBASSY WOULD NOTIFY GOT AUTHORITIES THAT THE

TWO BULGARIANS HAD COME TO CONGEN AND HAD BEEN GIVEN THIS  
ADVICE.WE COULD ALSO NOTE, WITH SOME SURPRISE, STORY OF ONE  
OF THE BULGARIANS THAT ON PREVIOUS OCCASION HE HAD BEEN  
TURNED BACK BY GOT AUTHORITIES.

2. I CANNOT BE SURE THAT THIS PROCEDURE WOULD GUARANTEE THAT  
GOT WILL NOT REPEAT NOT RETURN THE TWO BULGARIANS BUT GIVEN  
THE INTENSITY OF RECENT EXPERIENCE WITH IT ON MATTERS OF  
THIS KIND, I THINK FACT THAT USG HAS KNOWLEDGE OF THE BULGARIANS'  
PRESENCE IN THIS COUNTRY WOULD SERVE AS SIGNIFICANT DETERRANT  
AGAINST REPATRIATION. IT WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, BE AN IRON CLAD  
GUARANTEE BECAUSE TURKS ARE TRYING TO IMPROVE THEIR RELATIONS  
WITH GOVERNMENT OF BULGARIA AND IF GOT IS CONVINCED THAT  
THE BULGARIANS ARE SIIKING ASYLUM AS A RESULT OF PETTY THIEVERY  
OR OTHER NON POLITICAL MISDEMEANOR, ITS TENDENCY IS TO RETURN  
THEM AND IT EXPECTS BULGARIA IM SIMILAR SITUATIONS TO DO THE  
SAME.

3. IF DEPARTMENT BELIEVES WE SHOULD HANDLE DIFFERENTLY AND  
SPECIFICALLY, IF IT BELIEVES WE SHOULD SEEK STRONGER  
ASSURANCES FROM GOT, PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.  
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